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ACARTS Family Picnic

The annual Family Picnic will be on Saturday, August 21st, at the QTH of Jim Boyer, KB9IH, 3031 WILDERNESS RD, FORT WAYNE, IN 46845. The starting time is 1:00 PM. The menu will feature Coney Dogs. The club will also provide the drinks. Bring your favorite dish to share. Let Vic Berko, KA9LTV know if you plan to attend. Send a e-mail to Vic at vberko@comcast.net, or call 747-0938 and leave a message letting us know how many will be attending.

73,
Vic, KA9LTV



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**President's Corner**

If you missed the Fort Wayne Radio Club July General meeting then you missed a good meeting. Usually things are fairly slow for the July meeting, but not this year. There is a lot going on in Amateur Radio in Fort Wayne.

For the July meeting Chad, W9GGA, did a presentation on the new features of the 146.94 repeater. For those that don't know, the "94" has a new repeater controller with a lot of new features available to the club. One of the biggest advantages is that we can have messages playing throughout the day updating you on club and other Amateur activities. Chad also shared some of the new control codes for the "94". Once we get the complete list compiled we will share them in the newsletter and have them on the web site.

Also at the July meeting we did a Field Day recap with final scoring information. We did some things better this year. Some things did not go as well. All in all our score was about even with last year. We also had pictures from Field Day, the Ch. 33 News clip about our Field Day setup, and a video tribute to Bill Hall. It was a full evening.

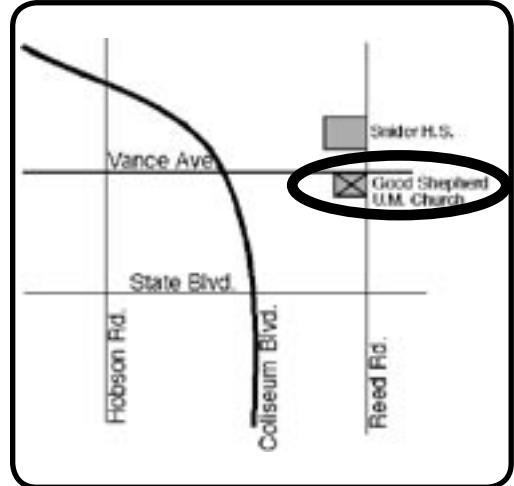
For the FWRC August General Meeting we will again have our now annual August Tailgate hamfest in the church parking lot. The date will be Friday

night August 20th. We will get started at 6:00 PM and go until everyone leaves. There is some lighting in the parking lot so we will see if darkness or the bugs eventually drive us home. We have had good luck with the weather and I trust it will be a good time this year. For those that have not been there before, the August Tailgate hamfest is free of charge to everyone and is dedicated to Amateur Radio "stuff". So many people are busy with other activities in the summer months, this gives us a nice break from regular club meetings. Attendance has been excellent. We have had over 50 people attend each of the last several years.

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September Tailgate Hamfest

Friday, Aug. 20, 6:00 PM





FWRC July Minutes

16 July 2004

The July 2004 meeting of the Fort Wayne Radio Club was held at the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church with President Tom Baker as the host. There were about 26 persons present.

OLD BUSINESS:

The minutes from the June meeting were read and there were no corrections. Al Burke thanked Jim Moehring for capturing the minutes at the June meeting in Al's absence.

Treasurer Bob Streeter provided a status of club finances as follows: As of 16 July 2004 the club had a year-to-date income of \$2,083.76 and expenses of \$2,288.80. Its assets included \$85.50 in cash and \$6,379.13 in Savings/Checking. Total assets, including the estimated value of club property, were \$11,414.63.

Tom Baker noted that upcoming meeting events would include the Tailgate Hamfest in August, club officer nominations in September and subsequent elections in October. He also noted that our Nelson's Port-a Chicken sale will occur on Saturday 28 August in the Coldwater Rd Walmart parking lot from 10 AM to 2 PM.

Al Burke reported that the July foxhunt went very well. The weather was perfect and the Fox (hidden by Phil Hooper and crew) was buried in mulch and bushes in the Indiana Tech parking lot. We had a good turnout of Foxhunters, and a team lead by Carl Rittenhouse was first to find the elusive quarry. And as usual, the post-foxhunt food and desserts (at the Omega) were a great end to a great hunt.

Emery McClendon reported that the ARMAD event came off very well and there is considerable interest building for follow on events. This should provide us an excellent opportunity to showcase our hobby and get it in front of the community as well as local and state government leaders.

NEW BUSINESS:

Tom Baker noted that classes for aspiring Technicians have commenced at the Allen County Boy Scout Office. So far instructors Phil Hooper and Steve Nardin have one student. Classes were scheduled for Saturday July 10, 17, 24 and 31 starting at 9 AM and running until about 1 PM.

Tom Baker provided a synopsis of our claimed Field Day scores as follows: CW – 509 contacts, Digital – 35 contacts, Phone – 547 contacts. Our estimated score is 3270 points with an additional 900 bonus points. Tom thought it was consistent with what we did last year. Tom's presentation included a collection of Field Day photographs provided by several club members and a film clip of the Channel 33 News interview that occurred Saturday afternoon.

The 50/50 Club pot was \$19.00 and was split between the club and 50/50 winner Carole Burke, WB9SSE.

Following the business meeting, Chad Beach, W9GGA, provided an informative and entertaining presentation and demonstration of some of the features of the new controller just installed on the 146.94 machine.

Respectfully submitted,

Al Burke, WB9SSE

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And keep in mind that the FWRC Nelson's Chicken Bar-B-Q fund-raiser is closing fast. The date this year is Saturday August 28th. We will be at the Coldwater Crossing Walmart from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM. A half chicken will be \$5 this year. Advanced chicken sales are available to make sure we don't sell out before you get there. See a board member at the August Tailgate Hamfest for your advanced ticket. This was a good fund-raiser for us last year and it promises to be even better this year.

At the September General Meeting Steve, WB9ZIY, will have a presentation on one of the country's best VHF/UHF contest stations. Steve was with them for the VHF contest in early June and he will have pictures and hopefully some new ideas for anyone interested in contesting.

We have a lot of good activities and good programs for you so make sure you are there at the next club meeting.

Tom / N9TB

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President's Message



It is August, and that means it is time once again for our annual Family Picnic. The picnic will be held on August 21st at the QTH of Jim Boyer, KB9IH.

Read about the details in the newsletter. At last month's meeting, Ed LaRocque, who is the Allen County Emergency Management / Homeland Security Director came to talk to us. He told us about a new program called CERT. It stands for Citizens Emergency Response Teams. They are training people to work in their neighborhoods in the event of a disaster like a tornado or other major event. They are trained in injury assessment and how to setup a triage. They get basic first aid, how to assess damage, and look for signs of broken utility lines. The idea is that the CERT people will be the first on the scene in their neighborhood in a major disaster. The CERT members go through 24 hours of training held over three days. It would be worthwhile for Hams to go through this training since we may be working with a CERT team and we will know how things are setup and work. We had 14 people sign up at the meeting. The classes are limited to 20 people at each session, so Ed is going to try to get a class just for the hams, and will be held sometime in January of 2005.

Now it is time for me to get on my "soapbox" since I have not done it for a while. We are still experiencing some problems from time to time on the repeater. For the most part it has been working OK. Once in a while we get some interference, but it has been hard to track it down. We are fortunate to be able to still have our primary repeater on the Channel 15 tower at around 600 feet. We have a single an-

tenna that is a tri-band so that we can keep a couple of repeaters on the air. The downside is that with a single antenna on the northwest side of the tower you are going to have a shadow in the opposite direction.

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Meeting Schedule

New meeting location: Salvation Army Center, 2901 N Clinton St. (See Map)

ACARTS July Meeting: Tue, July 17
Program: Emergency Preparedness by Ed LaRocque

Next Board Meeting: 7/13/04
All members are encouraged to attend.



The station is getting ready to put up the new antenna for high definition TV. We don't know if it will cause any problems when it goes on line. From time to time I hear some grumbling about the repeater and the club in general. We are doing the best we can considering how hard it is to get people involved in the club. Ham Radio is a hobby, and the current officers and managers, volunteer their time to serve the club. But, the club is more than just the repeaters. We provide communications to non-profit groups for things like walk-a-thons, and bike-a-thons. We sponsor the Skywarn and IMO Net on our repeater. We also provide emergency communications for the Salvation Army, Red Cross, and EOC. To fund all of this we hold our annual Fort Wayne Hamfest. This also takes a lot of time and effort, and I thank everyone who volunteers to help put on the best Hamfest in Indiana. But, if the club dies, so does the Hamfest, and eventually the repeaters. The income from the Hamfest helps keep the machines talking and open. I do not think you would like to see a fee based repeater. We have been without a Secretary this year, and a Activities Manager for three (3) years. I know it is hard with so much going on in our lives to find time to participate. The people who are your officers and managers also work for a living at a full-time paying job, they volunteered to run and serve the membership. Sometimes it may take awhile to solve a problem, but it will get solved. In the meantime, cut us a little slack, like AVIS, we try harder. Well, enough of my soapbox. See you at the picnic.

73,
Vic, KA9LTV



ACARTS needs YOU!

**ACARTS is looking for people to fill
2 key positions:**
Secretary
Activities Manager
Call any board member to apply.

July 2004 ACART Board Meeting Minutes



The meeting was called to order by Vic, KA9LTV.

He announced that the club picnic is scheduled for Saturday, August 21, 2004, at the home of Jim, KB9IH.

Howard, N9ADS, said the lease on the storage unit expires on July 15th, and he would like to get the unit cleaned out so that a smaller unit can be rented. Vic, KA9LTV, stated that he would ask the Salvation Army for permission to store the club cabinets in their facility.

A motion to adjourn was made by Vic, WB9UZA, and seconded by Howard, N9ADS. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Submitted by Dave Lindquist, W9LKH

July 2004 ACART General Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Vic, KA9LTV.

Howard, N9ADS, stated that he and Doug, N9NNT, would be cleaning out the storage unit so that the club can rent a smaller unit to reduce expenses. Vic, KA9LTV, said that he is still waiting for permission from the Salvation Army to store the cabinets in their building.

Vic, KA9LTV, announced that the club picnic is scheduled for Saturday, August 21, 2004, at the home of Jim, KB9IH.

Jim, KB9IH, stated that he is looking for a new Talk-in Chairman for the hamfest. He added that there would be no walk-in tables sold at the hamfest this year and that he is planning a managers' meeting for sometime in August.

After refreshments, Ed LaRoque, the Allen County Director of Homeland Security, gave a presentation on the Citizens Emergency Response Team (CERT) program. He said that a training session could be arranged for the amateur radio community. Most of the members attending the meeting signed up to participate.

Submitted by Dave Lindquist, W9LKH

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Ft Wayne DX Association

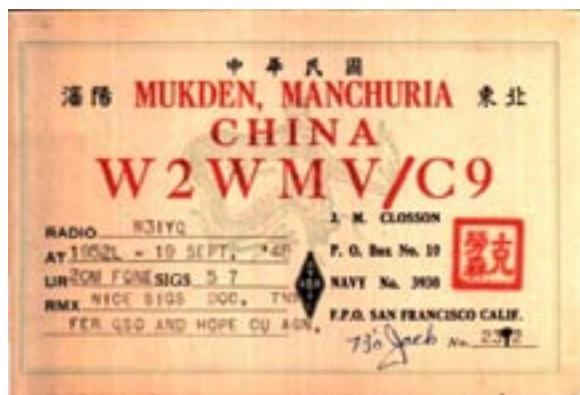


The second old QSL is from J9ABX on the island of Okinawa. The US captured Okinawa during World War II and administered it until 1972, when it was returned to Japanese control and moved to the DELETED list. It looks like the operator at J9ABX was a Bill Baxter, and he was probably with the US military. Again no home call is given.

Old QSLs Carl Luetzelschwab K9LA

I've always been fascinated with old QSLs cards - specifically the really old DX ones. With ARRL DXCC countries (more properly called entities) essentially defined by geographical and/or political boundaries, these old QSLs are excellent lessons in history. Let's take a look at several of these old QSLs - in fact, they're so old that they are all on the DELETED list since the 'country' doesn't exist anymore. Thanks to W2AGN for these QSLs.

The first old QSL is from AG2AF in the Free Territory of Trieste. After World War II, the UN took over the city of Trieste (Italy) and a large area surrounding the city. The UN set up the Free Territory of Trieste and divided it into two zones: one occupied by US and British troops and the other occupied by Yugoslav troops. In 1954 the city and most of the US/British area came under Italian control, thereby eventually moving it to the DELETED list several years later. Back in those days Trieste appears to have had two prefixes: I1 (from the DXCC DELETED ENTITIES list) and AG2 (from my old 1954 Winter Call Book). The operator at AG2AF was Bob, and it looks like his wife Amy was over there with him. Unfortunately Bob's home call isn't given.



The third old QSL is from W2WMV/C9 in Manchuria. In the Russo-Japanese War (1904-1905), Japan defeated Russia and took control of a part of Manchuria. In 1931, the Japanese conquered the rest of Manchuria. During the last days of World War II, Russia declared war on Japan and occupied Manchuria. Eventually Russia turned Manchuria back over to Chinese control to become just another part of China - and hence moved to the DELETED list. The operator was Jacob Clossen W2WMV. Jacob was with the Navy.

Neat, huh? Bet you didn't think DXing could be so intellectual! One last comment - note that all three of these QSOs were on 20 m phone - which back in those days was AM. SSB was still on the horizon.

Broadband Provider To Drop BPL In New York Trial Community

from *The ARRL Letter* – The broadband provider that's been testing BPL in the Village of Penn Yan, New York, reportedly plans to "move away" from that technology. The Western New York community of some 5000 residents has been considering various proposals with Data Ventures (DVI) to offer broadband service. A BPL trial has been underway in Penn Yan for several months. The village reportedly would get 10 percent of the generated revenue. According to an article in the July 28 edition of the Finger Lakes Times Online, DVI now is proposing to employ wireless mesh "WiFi" technology instead of BPL. ARRL CEO David Sumner, K1ZZ, congratulated Penn Yan Mayor Douglas G. Marchionda Jr and DVI for going with wireless broadband instead of BPL.

"Not only will your citizens receive better service, but a serious radio spectrum pollution problem has been averted as well," Sumner said in a fax to Marchionda and to DVI CEO Marc Burling. "We hope that other communities will be able to profit from your experience." Sumner raised the issue of interference complaints from the Penn Yan BPL trial with Marchionda last April.

The Finger Lakes Times report quotes Burling as saying that his company didn't feel BPL was "commercially deployable." He also cited issues with the BPL trial including security concerns and interference--which will not be an issue with the wireless system.

Burling told ARRL that the Penn Yan BPL system remains on line but would be shut down once DVI starts deploying its wireless system. As for BPL, "We are going to sit back and wait for an official ruling from the FCC and go from there," Burling added.

Penn Yan already has rejected two DVI proposals to bring high-speed Internet service to the community, the newspaper said. Village officials reportedly met again with DVI representatives this week. DVI is partnering with Nortel to offer the wireless service.

In a March 23 article "In This Power Play, High-Wire Act Riles Ham-Radio Fans," Wall Street Journal reporter Ken Brown described a "firestorm" of protest from amateurs when Penn Yan approved the BPL test plan.

ARRL also has learned that Energy East--a cooperative of New York State Electric & Gas and Rochester Gas & Electric--decided against deploying BPL

in their Western New York service area. Energy East based its decision in large part on the high levels of radio frequency interference an engineer and company officials observed during a visit to the Penn Yan field trial.

On July 29, Grand Haven, Michigan, announced that it had become the first community in the US to deploy a WiFi network <<http://www.ottawawireless.net/about-us/press-room.html>> that blankets the city and up to 15 miles off shore in Lake Michigan with broadband Internet access.



For more information on BPL, visit the "Broadband Over Power Line (BPL) and Amateur Radio" <<http://www.arrl.org/bpl/>> page on the ARRL Web site.

North Carolina Utility Ending BPL Field Trial

from *The ARRL Letter* – Progress Energy Corporation (PEC) says it's completed Phase II of its broadband over power line (BPL) field trial in the Raleigh, North Carolina, area. In an August 4 PEC internal memorandum made available to ARRL, the company said its program to "test the viability of providing broadband service to communities it serves" will wrap up by the end of August. The company reportedly will shut down the system once it's able to move its BPL customers to other broadband providers.

"Currently, the company does not have plans for a large-scale commercial rollout of BPL in the company's service territories," the memorandum states. Progress Energy's decision comes on the heels of announced shutdowns of BPL field trials in Penn Yan, New York, and Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

PEC Vice President of Energy Delivery Solutions Lisa Myers said the utility obtained significant information about the design, construction and operation of a BPL system. "Overall, this has been a successful test for us," the memorandum quotes her as saying. "We have gathered valuable information about broadband over power lines and its potential."

During its six-month Phase I and Phase II tests, the utility says it offered broadband service to more than 400 homes in southern Wake County. Earlier this year, FCC Chairman Michael Powell visited the BPL field

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trial to promote the technology, and local radio amateurs spoke briefly with him about their interference concerns.

The PEC memorandum acknowledged Amateur Radio interference complaints. "BPL has met with vocal opposition from amateur or 'ham' radio operators who are concerned that the service will interfere with the radio frequencies they use," it said. "Some complaints were filed with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) during Phase II by ham radio operators using mobile equipment in search of BPL signals."

Responding to one amateur's complaint, the FCC earlier this summer took measurements in the field trial area. FCC Office of Engineering and Technology (OET) Deputy Chief Bruce A. Franca said the FCC concluded that PEC's BPL trial "is in compliance" with FCC rules and that the company's ham band notching efforts "are effective" to avoid the potential for harmful interference. The ARRL has requested clarification of certain claims made in Franca's July 22 letter, however. The memorandum cites PEC Director of Emerging Technologies Matt Oja as saying the technology PEC selected--by Amperion--"allowed us to address all complaints by changing the settings to mitigate interference."

One of the amateurs who's been closely monitoring PEC's foray into BPL--Gary Pearce, KN4AQ--says he's pleased with the utility's decision. "It's a positive thing for ham radio that Progress Energy is not going to be pursuing BPL for whatever reason they decided not to do it," Pearce told ARRL. "It's going to make a lot of hams in Eastern North Carolina happy."

Pearce acknowledged that Progress Energy and Amperion personnel worked closely with local amateurs to notch out interference on HF amateur frequencies. Effective notching turned out to be more difficult than anticipated, however. Even following the FCC's visit to take measurements, amateurs continued to report strong BPL interference on the high end of 20 meters as well as in the HF international broadcast bands.

A news report on Progress Energy's BPL decision appeared in the August 6 editions of the Raleigh News & Observer
<http://www.newsobserver.com/business/nc/story/1504502p-7666421c.html>.

There's more information about BPL and Amateur Radio on the ARRL Web site <http://www.arrl.org/bpl>.

FCC expands Universal Licensing System Hotline Support

from *The ARRL Letter* – The FCC has announced expanded hours for its Universal Licensing System (ULS) <http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/> Hotline Support. ULS users now may reach the FCC ULS Hotline by phone--toll-free, 877-480-3201 or local, 717-338-2888 (Amateur Service callers select Option 2)--from 8 AM until 7 PM Eastern Time except on federal holidays. ULS Hotline Support also is available via e-mail ulshelp@fcc.gov. Contact ULS Hotline Support if you have questions about which applications to use, what information is being requested on a ULS form or schedule or any other ULS-related licensing matter. The FCC continues to provide ULS technical support weekdays from 8 AM until 6 PM Eastern time. Call toll-free, 877-480-3701 or local, 202-414-1250 (TTY 202-414-1255). Technical Support handles questions concerning computer access to ULS, uploading files, submitting attachments to ULS filings and FRN passwords. The FCC notes that all calls to the ULS hotlines are recorded.--FC

**ARRL International EME Competition Changes Okayed**

from *The ARRL Letter* – The ARRL Programs and Services Committee has approved some changes to the ARRL International EME Competition. The object of the event is to make two-way communication via the earth-moon-earth path on any authorized amateur frequency above 50 MHz. It now will span three weekends, with the first and third weekends devoted to the lower VHF/UHF bands, 50-1296 MHz, while the second weekend will be for 2304 MHz and higher. For 2004, October 9-10 will be 50-1296 MHz; October 30-31 will be 2304 MHz and up, and December 4-5 will again be 50-1296 MHz. Multipliers for stations within the US are now states; in Canada, multipliers are provinces and territories. There also are new entry categories starting with this fall's event: Single operator, multiband 50-1296; single operator, multiband 2304 and above; multioperator, multiband 50-1296; and multioperator, multiband 2304 and above. In addition, US and Canadian stations no longer have to send the portable designator if operating from a different call sign district. The new rules have been posted on the ARRL Contest Branch Rules page <http://www.arrl.org/contests/rules/2004/eme.html>.

For Sale & Wanted

For Sale:

Recent move & neighborhood restrictions force sale of Ham Equipment. (It all worked great when last set up in Cleveland)



- Antennas, etc. (\$250 for the lot)
- Cushcraft D3 triband rotatable dipole
- Cushcraft ARX2B Ringo Ranger 2 meter vertical
- Hustler 6BTV 6 band verticle
- Butternut HF6VX 6 band verticle with roof kit counterpoise Homebrew 2
- meter yagi 5 element Med-duty rotator & controller 3' roof mount
- tripod 5' roof mount tripod
- Assorted cable
- Power Supply - Astron AS20A (\$40)
- HF rig - Ten Tec Scout, tuner, & 6 band modules (\$400)

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Free Antenna System: 48 ft. HBX Rohn tower, CDR Rotor, 4 element trapped beam,
Available free. Must safely disassemble and remove.
Located in NE Ft. Wayne. Contact Linda at 493-2888
for additonal information.

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Lost: Two hand held citizens band radios. These were lost at the FWRC Field Day site. If anyone has seen them please contact Ron Manuel, kd6@aol.com.

Test Points

25-Sep-2004

Sponsor: UNSPONSORED

Time: 2:00 PM (No walk-ins)

Contact: ROBERT E HIGH

(419)795-5763

VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: EMA BLDG

1220 LINCOLN HWY

VAN WERT, OH 45891



14-Oct-2004

Sponsor: GOSHEN ARC

Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: LYLE L LONG

(574)875-8455

Email: N1LL@JUNO.COM

VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: GREENCROFT RETIREMENT CENTER

HOMAN BUILDING

GREENCROFT BLVD

GREENCROFT RETIREMENT CTR

GOSHEN, IN 46525

06-Nov-2004

Sponsor: FORT WAYNE VE TEAM

Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: WILLIAM C HALL

(260)485-3995

Email: WD9HII@ARRL.NET

VEC: W5YI VEC

Location: BOY SCOUT HEADQUARTERS

8315 W JEFFERSON BLVD

FORT WAYNE, IN 46804

27-Nov-2004

Sponsor: UNSPONSORED

Time: 2:00 PM (No walk-ins)

Contact: WALTER C VOGEL

(419)394-2976

Email: AWVOGEL@BRIGHT.NET

VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: VAN WERT COUNTY EMA OFFICE

1220 LINCOLN HWY

VAN WERT, OH 45891

Regional Hamfests

Date	Location	Contact Phone	URL or E-mail
14 Aug 2004	Jackson, MI	517-782-4007	http://www.w8jxn.org/swap.htm
15 Aug 2004	Joliet, IL	630-739-3740	http://www.w9dxc.com
12 Sep 2004	Findlay, OH	419-423-5643	http://www.findlayradioclub.org
18-19 Sep 2004	Grayslake, IL	630-628-1501	http://www.chicagofmclub.org
19 Sep 2004	Adrian, MI	517-263-5407	http://www.w8tqe.com
13-14 Nov 2004	Fort Wayne, IN	260-489-6700	http://www.fortwaynehamfest.com

For more complete information go to <http://www.acarts.com/hamfests.htm> or <http://www.arrl.org/hamfests.html#listing>



ARMAD Fund Raiser

The ARMAD fund raiser will be held at the Scott's Stores on Aug. 14, 2004 from 10:00 AM til 2:00 PM. Dupont, N. Clinton, and Stellhorn. Any hams that can help at one of the stores would be appreciated. Bring a radio to demonstrate Ham Radio. It will be fun, and raise money for future events.

Emery / KB9IBW
www.nmam.org
www.geocities.com/kb9ibw
www.fortwayneradioclub.org/kb9ibw

New Vanity Fee Goes Into Effect August 10

from *The ARRL Letter* – Hold the phone! The FCC apparently can preempt The Federal Register when it comes to setting effective dates for orders. Commission personnel have clarified that the new Amateur Radio vanity call sign regulatory fee of \$20.80 for the 10-year license term actually will become effective Tuesday, August 10, not Friday, August 6 as ARRL and others had announced based on information in The Federal Register.

A staff member at the FCC's Gettysburg office told ARRL that the Commission's computer system has been programmed to accept the new fee starting August 10. A management-level staffer in the FCC's Office of Managing Director explained that the Commission was not necessarily bound by the August 6 effective date The Federal Register indicates, which is 30 days after publication of the order containing the new fee schedule.

Applicants for amateur vanity call signs will continue to pay the \$16.30 fee per vanity call sign application until the new fee goes into effect. All applications received at the FCC on or after Tuesday, August 10 must be accompanied by the new, higher fee.

Amateur Radio Christian Fellowship Day

Amateur Radio Christian Fellowship Day, an event to allow amateurs to showcase the hobby to churches and to contact missions groups world wide. The Fort Wayne event will be held on Sept. 26, 2004 from 1300 EST until 1600 EST at St. Michael's Lutheran Church on Getz's road.

This event is being held to allow amateurs to bring a radio to church and demonstrate amateur radio to the congregation by making contacts with other churches and missions groups worldwide. We will be letting the missionaries know what our churches are doing to support them, and sharing our missions projects with others via amateur radio. It will also be a time for members to say hello third party to other church groups by amateur radio. We want to encourage growth in amateur radio via this special event, by making the hobby aware to the members on this special day.

Please plan to join amateurs, churches, and missions groups during this event by announcing to amateur radio clubs and operators in your area of this very special day. If you have any ideas or suggestions on how we can improve operations or make contacts with as many groups as possible please contact KB9IBW at kb9ibw@yahoo.com. Let's work together to bless our churches, missions groups, and expose the great hobby to those who may become future amateur operators.

Please spread the word to all of your Christian and non-Christian contacts, as well as amateur radio Christian nets and groups, so that we can have a very nice event. Get the local media involved and have visiting churches in your city attend and share with us their missions projects.

I am sure that the missionaries will welcome this type of event, as many of them have no other means to contact the outside world. It also shows that we support them, and are willing to work together with our communities to promote amateur radio, and community service.

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Membership Application for FWRC - and/or - ACARTS

Name: _____ Call sign: _____ License class: _____

Street address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ ZIP : _____⁴ _____ Phone #: (_____) _____-_____ Unlisted? Yes

Email address: _____ ARRL Member? Yes

(ARRL membership helps your club maintain affiliation.)

May we list your name, call & email address in our membership roster and on our club web site? Yes No

Both clubs now offer this newsletter as a downloadable (Adobe Acrobat) PDF file, in lieu of a paper copy sent through the mail. For FWRC a mailed paper newsletter is a \$6.00/yr. premium.

How would you like your newsletter delivered? by snail mail download from web site.

Fort Wayne Radio Club Dues

Regular membership	<input type="checkbox"/> \$15.00 / year
Family membership ¹	<input type="checkbox"/> \$21.00 / year
Student membership ²	<input type="checkbox"/> \$6.00 / year
Associate membership ³	<input type="checkbox"/> \$15.00 / year
Mailed newsletter	<input type="checkbox"/> \$6.00 / year

(Memberships for Jul - Dec are 1/2 the stated amounts.)

A.C.A.R.T.S. Dues

Regular membership	<input type="checkbox"/> \$12.00 / year
Additional family members ¹	<input type="checkbox"/> \$6.00 / year
Student membership ²	<input type="checkbox"/> \$6.00 / year
Associate membership ³	<input type="checkbox"/> \$6.00 / year

(New Regular memberships are \$1/month)

1. Please list all names and calls on an attached sheet.

2. K-12 or full time student

3. unlicensed member

4. 9 digit ZIP code required for US bulk mail

Please attach a check (number _____) for the appropriate amount and bring to a club meeting or mail to:

Fort Wayne Radio Club
PO Box 15127
Fort Wayne, IN 46885

A.C.A.R.T.S.
PO Box 10342
Fort Wayne, IN 46851

For dual membership, fill out both sides and send 2 checks to either club. **Payment by check is strongly encouraged!**

ACARTS Voice Repeaters

146.880 (-) General use / Skywarn priority
147.255 (+) General use / Autopatch priority*
443.800 (+) General use

(All repeaters have autopatch, but 88 has only speed dial emergency #'s.)

ACARTS Digital Repeaters (digipeaters)

144.390 (s) APRS - wide

Area Traffic Nets

(please submit any changes or corrections to the editor)

IMO: meets nightly at 6:30 p.m. (2330 UTC) on 146.88

Auburn: meets Mon., Tue., Wed., Thur., Fri., & Sat. at 6 p.m. (2300 UTC) on 147.36(+)

21 Repeater Group: meets each Wednesday at 9 p.m. (0200 UTC) on 147.150

Helping Hands Net: Mondays @ 9:00 p.m. 146.94(-)

Miscellaneous Nets

Huntington ARES: Saturday at 8:00 p.m. (0100 UTC) on 146.685

Whitley Co. / ARES: Wednesdays at 7:15 p.m. (0015 UTC) on 145.270 (Note 131.8 PL disabled for all nets)

Whitley Co. Sunday: Sundays at 7:45 p.m. (0045 UTC) on 444.550 +. (The 146.460 simplex crossbanding from both nets has been dropped.)

Fort Wayne Radio Club Repeaters

Voice: 146.76 (-) General use
146.94 (-) General use with autopatch
146.91 (-) Autopatch only
444.875 (+) General use
ATV: 439.25 In, 910.250 Out, 144.340 Audio & control

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Activities Calendar

Date	Time	Event	Place
8/10/04	7:00 PM	FWRC Board Meeting	GSUMC
8/10/04	7:30 PM	ACARTS Board Meeting	Salvation Army Center
8/14/04	10 AM - 2 PM	ARMAD fund raiser Scott's Stores - Dupont, N. Clinton, and Stellhorn	
8/20/04	6:00 PM	FWRC Tailgate Hamfest	GSUMC
8/21/04	1:00 PM	ACARTS Picnic	QTH of Jim Boyer, KB9IH
8/28/04	10 AM - 2 PM	FWRC Chicken Sale	Coldwater Crossing Walmart parking lot
8/28/04	9 AM- 2 PM	NWS Open House	NWS, N. Webster, IN
9/3/04		deadline for Sep. ACHN items	
9/6/04	6:30 PM	foxhunt off track betting parking lot, Washington Ctr. & Lima Rds.	
9/7/04	7:00 PM	FWRC Board Meeting	GSUMC
9/14/04	7:30 PM	ACARTS Board Meeting	Salvation Army Center
9/17/04	7:00 PM	FWRC General Meeting	GSUMC
9/21/04	7:30 PM	ACARTS General Meeting	Salvation Army Center
10/1/04		deadline for Oct. ACHN items	
10/4/04	6:30 PM	foxhunt off track betting parking lot, Washington Ctr. & Lima Rds.	